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SUBJECT: ILO - 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

GENEVA FOR US DEL TO ILO

REF: A. STATE 102699; B. BUCHAREST 3903

- 1. IN FOLLOW-UP CALL MAY 31 ON ACTING DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE ION VOICU, POL COUNSELOR STRESSED SERIOUSNESS OF U.S. INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO IN ABSENCE OF MAJOR REFORMS, CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF CURRENT ILO CONFERENCE, AND CONSTRUCTIVE NATURE OF U.S. PROPOSALS. FIVE SPECIFIC ISSUES LISTED REF A WERE DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL, WITH VOICU TAKING EXTENSIVE NOTES.
- 2. VOICU PROMISED TO PASS OUR CONCERN BOTH TO ROMANIAN DELEGATION AND TO MINISTRY OF LABOR (WE STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED APPOINTMENT). ON SUBSTANCE OF PRESENTATION, HE AGREED THAT ILO HAD BECOME TOO POLITICIZED BUT OPINED THAT "TEMPERATURE HAS DROPPED" WITH COOLING OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. POL COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT OUR CONCERN IS NOT WITH SITUATION OF ANY ONE COUNTRY BUT RATHER WITH FAIR PLAY AND DUE PROCESS FOR ALL. VOICU FOUND CONFIDENTIAL

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OUR SPECIFIC PROPOSALS "CLOSE TO" GOR POSITION IN MOST ASPECTS, PARTICULARLY IN SEEKING TO MAINTAIN ILO AS AN EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION "AND NOT ANOTHER COMMITTEE I". WE AGREED BOTH DELEGATIONS SHOULD CONSULT IN GENEVA.

3. FOR GENEVA: RECOMMEND YOU ARRANGE CONSULTATIONS WITH ROMANIAN DEL WHICH AGAIN THIS YEAR WILL PROBABLY

BE LED BY A DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOR. MOST USEFUL POINT OF CONTACT PROBABLY WOULD BE SECOND GOVERNMENT REP WHO IS USUALLY CHOSEN FROM ROMANIAN MISSION IN GENEVA. FOR A MODICUM OF MASSAGING, WE CAN PROBABLY ELICIT ROMANIAN SUPPORT ON MOST ISSUES IMPORTANT TO US. BARNES

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